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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Mr. Clark MacGregor,
Counsel to the President for Congressional Relations

1. This morning the Director told me of a conversation he had just had with Clark MacGregor regarding Senator Symington's request (copy attached) which the Director had sent to Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Kissinger and PFIAB for information.

2. Mr. MacGregor told the Director that he felt neither CIA nor NSA should agree to Symington's jurisdictional claims over their activities, but raised no objection to the Director's suggestion that he designate the undersigned as point of contact with the Symington Subcommittee.

3. The Director and MacGregor agreed that the death of Senator Russell had created a "new ball game" in the Senate and, as the Director said, the Agency is going to be exposed to an increasing number of "raids" by inquisitive Senate committees and members. The Director said he saw no indication that Chairmen Stennis or Ellender would be much help in these circumstances. MacGregor suggested a meeting between the President, MacGregor, Helms, Stennis and Ellender. The Director agreed but thought Senators Milton Young and Margaret Chase Smith should be included.

4. In light of the foregoing, the Director said we should reply to Symington's letter with a simple response stating only that he was designating the Legislative Counsel as point of contact for the Symington Subcommittee.

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